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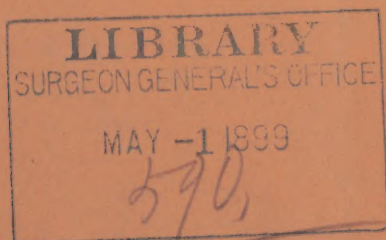
# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

## ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

OF

PENNSYLVANIA.



Adopted January 18th, 1879.

Amended May 2d, 1885.



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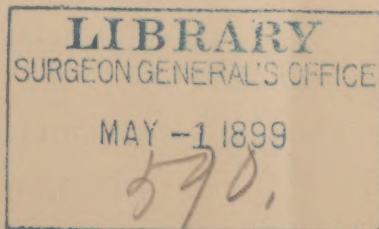
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# OFFICERS.

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PRESIDENT.

H. C. REGISTER.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

E. C. KIRK.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

AMBLER TEES.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

H. K. LEECH.

TREASURER.

E. H. NEALL.

LIBRARIAN.

W. G. A. BONWILL.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. W. NOBLE,

S. H. GUILFORD,

JAS. TRUMAN.



# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### NAME.

This Association shall be known as the Odontological Society of Pennsylvania.

## ARTICLE II.

### OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be the diffusion of the principles and the development of the best modes of practice in the Art and Science of Dentistry. It shall be devoted solely to the interests of the Dental Profession. If found practicable, it shall aid in the establishment here or elsewhere of an independent Journal devoted to the interests of Dental Science.

## ARTICLE III.

### OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Society shall be elected from the list of *Active* members, and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Executive Committee of Three.

## ARTICLE IV.

### COUNCIL.

The Officers of this Society shall constitute a Council for the proper conduct of the Society, and a Court for the trial of any member against whom charges may be made of violation of the Code of Ethics; and shall report the result at the next stated meeting for final action of the Society.

## ARTICLE V.

## MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Society shall consist of *Active* and *Honorary* members.

SEC. 2. All candidates for *Active* members shall be practitioners of Dentistry in the State of Pennsylvania or the adjacent States, and graduates in Dentistry or in Medicine.

SEC. 3. Honorary members may be elected from among those whose services to the Dental Profession entitle them to such recognition.

SEC. 4. Whenever the list of *Active* members shall contain twenty-five, the Society shall be divided into sections, viz:—

Dental Histology and Microscopy.

Dental Pathology.

Operative Dental Surgery.

Dental Prosthesis.

Each member to have his choice of Sections. Each Section shall have one officer to be called Chairman, who shall make yearly reports of his Section. The report of each Section to be made on alternate meeting nights. The Sections shall be re-formed annually.

## ARTICLE VI.

## CANDIDATES.

The names of all candidates, whether for *Active* or *Honorary* membership, shall be referred to the Executive Committee through the Recording Secretary, who shall be empowered to receive such application. The Executive Committee shall have power to dismiss any application, without recommendation to the Society for final action, should they find sufficient reason for so doing. Having received the endorsement of the Executive Committee, the name of the candidate shall then be brought before the Society, and two-thirds vote of the members present shall elect.

## ARTICLE VII.

## ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. All elections shall be by ballot.

SEC. 2. In election of Officers, a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. In case of failure to elect at the first ballot, the two persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees on the second ballot.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## SEAL AND CERTIFICATE.

This Society shall possess a Seal and a Certificate of Membership.

## ARTICLE IX.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

No appropriations of the moneys of this Society shall be made without two-thirds vote of the Council, and a two-thirds vote of all *Active* members present at a regular meeting.

## ARTICLE X.

## BY-LAWS.

By-laws for the further regulation of this Society may be enacted from time to time, as required.

## ARTICLE XI.

## AMENDMENTS.

Proposed changes in the Constitution shall be made through the Council at any regular meeting, and discussed and acted upon at the next alternate meeting ; but it shall not be altered or amended except by a three-fourths vote of all the *Active* members present, and all Active members shall be notified of the proposed change.



# BY-LAWS.

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## ARTICLE I.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

#### *President.*

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society; decide all points of order subject to appeal, and give a casting vote; and sign all certificates of membership. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall preside. In deciding all questions not otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-laws, the Presiding Officer shall be governed by the usual parliamentary rules.

#### *Recording Secretary.*

SEC. 2. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Society, and sign all certificates of membership. He shall prepare for publication such of the transactions and papers as shall be of general interest to the profession, and deliver them to the Executive Committee. He shall also render a report of his proceedings at the annual meeting or on order of the Society.

#### *Corresponding Secretary.*

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, shall bring to the notice of the Society all letters received by him during the month, and shall take charge of and preserve them carefully. He shall notify all members and officers of their election; committees of their appointments and subjects referred to them; and members of the times and places of meeting. He shall keep a record of membership, including resignations and other changes; shall keep the manuscript Constitution and By-laws of the Society, and perform such other duties as his office may require. He shall also render a report of his proceedings at the annual meeting or on order of the Society.



*Treasurer.*

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all funds belonging to the Society, and make disbursements from such funds only on the order of the President and Chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall submit a report of his accounts, with vouchers for all moneys expended, at the annual meeting or when required by a vote of the Society, which account shall be audited by the Executive Committee. Previous to the annual meeting he shall notify all members whose dues may be in arrears for more than two years, and demand the payment of the same.

*Librarian.*

SEC. 5. The Librarian shall take charge of all books, papers, periodicals, specimens, instruments, etc., belonging to the Society, to which he shall allow all members free access, and of which he shall compile and keep a catalogue. He shall take charge of the Seal of the Society, and of the Certificates of Membership; prepare and seal such Certificates; obtain the signatures of the President and Recording Secretary thereto, and forward them to members. He shall render a report of his proceedings and the condition of his department at the annual meeting.

*Executive Committee.*

SEC. 6. The Executive Committee, with the President as auxiliary, shall attend to all business not otherwise especially apportioned. Its members shall be residents of the place of meeting of the Society. It shall take cognizance of all applications for membership; shall provide subjects of investigation and discussion, and appoint Essayists. It shall attend to the publication of the proceedings furnished by the Recording Secretary, and conduct the correspondence relative to these and other scientific proceedings. It shall act as Auditor, and transact such other business as may be required by the Society. It shall also render a report of its proceedings at the annual meeting, or when required by a vote of the Society.

SEC. A. The Executive Committee shall, at the annual meeting in May, report the names of one member for each month, whose duty it shall be to prepare an original essay upon some subject in dentistry, and present the same at the meeting for which he was appointed.

SEC. B. At the same meeting in May shall also be appointed one or more substitutes for each month, whose duty it shall be to take the place and perform the duty of the principal in case of failure on his part.

SEC. C. The essayist shall notify the Corresponding Secretary, two weeks in advance of the meeting, giving the title of his essay.

SEC. 7. All the officers of this Society shall serve without compensation except the Recording Secretary, who shall receive twenty-five dollars annually for his services.

## ARTICLE II.

### PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The *Active* members only of the Society shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

SEC. 2 Honorary members shall be entitled to all other privileges.

## ARTICLE III.

### FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. *Active* members shall sign the Constitution and By-laws, and pay an initiation fee of three dollars, and annual dues of two dollars, payable at each annual meeting.

SEC. 2. When the dues of a member shall be in arrears for more than two years and remain unpaid after a demand by the Treasurer, the delinquent shall forfeit his membership and his name shall be stricken from the roll.

SEC. 3. One-third of all fees and income of the Society shall be set apart as a fund to aid the establishment of an independent journal devoted to the interests of Dental Science.

SEC. 4. This fund shall be called the JOURNAL FUND, and shall be placed at interest in secure deposit, and remain intact for the aforesaid purpose. It shall only be drawn upon in agreement with resolution from the Society and by checks to be signed by the Treasurer and endorsed by the President.

SEC. 5. If for good and sufficient reasons, should the above plan at any time be found impracticable, then by the unanimous consent of the Executive Committee and three-fourths vote by ballot of all the Active members present, said fund may be devoted to the purchase of books or instruments of observation for the use of the Society; but shall not be used for these purposes until two months after the resolution shall be offered, each member being notified of the form of the resolution and date of its consideration.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Regular meetings shall be held at the residences or offices of the members on the first Saturday of each month, except

July and August, at 8 o'clock P. M., at which five shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President at the written request of any three members, and no other subject shall be considered except the one for which it is called.

SEC. 3. An annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Saturday of May to receive the reports of the officers, for the election of officers and delegates, and the transaction of such business as may promote the welfare of the Society. Vacancies may be filled during the year as they occur.

## ARTICLE V.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business at the Regular meetings shall be as follows :

1. Reading of Minutes.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. New Business.
5. Election of New Members.
6. Reports of Sections.
7. Reading of Papers and Discussions thereon.
8. Incidents of Practice.
9. Announcement of Committees by the Presiding Officer.
10. Adjournment.

## ARTICLE VI.

### PUBLICATION.

The Society shall have the right to publish any paper read before it.

## ARTICLE VII.

### QUALIFICATIONS OF STUDENTS.

SECTION 1. Members of this Society, taking office students, shall require of the latter satisfactory evidence of a sufficient preliminary education, the minimum of which shall consist of a thorough knowledge of orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, together with a knowledge of the principles of physics.

SEC. 2. A diploma from any chartered literary institute shall be deemed sufficient evidence of an applicant's preliminary educational qualifications.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of a properly appointed Committee of



Three Members of this Society, to examine the applicants for admission as students in the office of members of this Society, when so requested to do by a member. *Passed, November 5th, 1881.*

## ARTICLE VIII.

### AMENDMENTS.

Proposed changes of these By-laws shall be made through the Council at any regular meeting, and discussed and acted upon at the next alternate meeting; and all the *Active* members shall be notified of the proposed change.

## RULE I.

### PROTECTION TO INVENTORS.

The Odontological Society of Pennsylvania, appreciating all efforts made in behalf of the profession to originate and improve instruments, etc.

*Resolved*, That this Society will be pleased to record all original matter, such as superior material for filling, modes of manipulation, useful instruments, or anything in mechanism pertaining to the practice of dentistry; and as a scientific body, will extend to such originators its sympathy and protection.

PROVIDED, Said applicant deposits a specimen model or specification with the Librarian and demonstrates the same before this Society or a Committee, as this Society may elect, with satisfactory evidence of its originality, and afterwards submits the same to a Standing Committee for approval. *Passed, May 3d, 1879.*

## RULE II.

### PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

This Society shall give its monthly proceedings for publication to the Dental Cosmos, excepting those for the months for February, June, and November, and the proceedings for these months shall be given for publication to the Dental Office and Laboratory. *Passed, September 6th, 1879.*

This rule, as far as it relates to the Essays, is rescinded. *Passed, June 10th, 1882.*



### RULE III.

#### REVISION OF ESSAYS.

A Committee of Three shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to revise all Essays presented to the Association, the author of the Essay to be one of this Committee. *Passed, May 6th, 1882.*

### RULE IV.

#### PRINTING OF NEW RULES.

Amendments to the By-laws and Rules passed each year, shall be printed and sent to each member, to paste in his copy of the Constitution and By-laws. *Passed, Nov. 4th, 1882.*

## CODE OF DENTAL ETHICS OF THE ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

SECTION 1. The dentist should fully recognize the obligations involved in the discharge of his duties towards his patients. As they are in most cases unable to correctly estimate the character of his operations, his own sense of right must guarantee faithfulness in their performance.

SEC. 2. A member of the Dental Profession is bound to maintain its honor and to labor faithfully to extend its sphere of usefulness. He should avoid everything in language and conduct calculated to discredit or dishonor his profession.

SEC. 3. It is unprofessional to resort to public advertisements, handbills, posters, or signs calling attention to peculiar styles of work, lowness of prices, or special modes of operating; or to claim superiority over neighboring practitioners; to publish reports of cases or certificates in public prints; to go from house to house to solicit operations, or to perform any other similar acts.

SEC. 4. When consulted by the patient of another practitioner, the dentist should guard against inquiries or hints disparaging to the family dentist, or calculated to weaken the patient's confidence in him; and if the interests of the patient will not be endangered thereby, the case should be temporarily treated and referred back to the family dentist.

SEC. 5. When general rules shall have been adopted by the majority of practitioners in the same locality in relation to fees, it is unprofessional and dishonorable to depart from them, except when circumstances require.





